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IN THE CURRENT NUMBER.TRANSIENT NOTICES, FIFTY CENTS FOR RIGHT LINES,
EACH INSERTION. FOR LARGER SPACE AND PER-
MANENT RATES, APPLY AS ABOVE.

PATERSON must be a cheerful resi-
dence. Mrs. Fullalove is mysteriously
shot; and at a "christening feast" there
is a great deal of liquor and a fight in
which people shoot, kick, stamp and
otherwise maltreat each other. A very
barbaric place is Paterson! But it is
higher up the river than Newark and has
clearer water.

NOTHING can be imagined more brutal
than the murder of Phoebe Paulin near
Eagle Rock, on Sunday. It is particu-
larly horrible to us of Bloomfield, for it is
the habit of many—gentlemen and ladies,
and frequently ladies without the escort
of gentlemen—to take this delightful
walk. The poor girl was undoubtedly
attacked upon the road not far from a
house and while it was still daylight.
This sort of crime is growing frightfully
common, and yet, as we have several
times noticed, the assailant of the servant
girl here in Bloomfield has not been seized.
Every community like ours owes it to
itself to push any such case with desper-
ate energy, and the residents of Llewellyn
Park are setting a noble, and we hope a
successful, example.

MR. DART, of electric motor fame, has
been trying to work his ideas on the Mt.
McGregor R. R., at Saratoga Springs.
He took a car weighing five tons, with a
load of passengers equal to about as
much more up a seventy foot grade, by
the help of a two-ton motor and a twenty-
five horse-power engine. This did well
enough to begin with, but on the way
down a wreck occurred which broke the
motor to pieces. No one was injured, but
the speed of ten miles an hour worsted
Mr. Dart's apparatus. We are afraid
that this machine has gone to meet
Keely. It certainly does not work be-
tween Bloomfield and Newark, and
(until better and later information
comes) Dart is no bad name for its inven-
tor.

FEMINE POLITENESS.
THE duty of inquiring into the alleged
decadence of feminine politeness was com-
mitted, by the unanimous wish of the
editors, to a Special Grumbler. He has
presented the following report, which,
on mature deliberation, we have decided
to print precisely as it stands:

There seems to be no reason (he says)
why a lady should be any less polite than
a gentleman. But it is an unfortunate
fact that she generally is. In a crowd,
for example, a woman is the most atro-
cious of created things. She knows, or
ought to know, that she is sure to have a
hard time of it in case of panic or con-
fusion; but you will find her pushing and
shoving with all her puny might. She
will elbow another woman away from a
candy counter, or a cloak room, with
neatness and dispatch, and never so
much as apologize in the slightest de-
gree. She will also thrust past another
woman in getting into a car or through a
narrow passage to a place of amusement.
She is, in a very real sense, under foot
and in the way, when she is by herself.
With an escort it becomes a different
thing. She then glides to his arm and
trusts him to take her through. He does
it in a masculine fashion, and that is the
end of it except that he apologizes when
he treads on any one's toes.

Now all this has been said to arise
from her unprotected condition. It has
been argued that, if she was emancipated
from the thralldom of society, she would
be more business-like and more at her
ease in these circumstances. But the ob-
servation of a good many persons runs
counter to this judgment. The stronger
minded a woman is the less after all is she
willing to forget the fact that she is a
woman and a sister. She is just as sure
to regret any omission of masculine politeness
as ever she was—and why shouldn't
she be? The woman never lived who was
really anxious to be completely out of the
current of courteous treatment; but when
a man's woman pushing and crowding
for herself he is likely to let her, as the
weaker vessel, go to the wall.

Exemplify these things for yourself.

Women as against men seldom strive and
struggle. They have a wholesome sense
of their own weakness. But with their
own sex they are inconsiderate and some-
times negligent of kind and forbearing
behavior. Let the case of the lady who
is in no hurry to allow another lady to
share her car seat be a convenient in-
stance.

This last is a frequent example of femi-
nine inconsistency. Our charmer will
plant herself and her bundles in a seat and
there sit intrenched in a serene indiffer-
ence to all the gentlemen in creation. If
any one of them storms the battery of
wraps and parcels, she rewards him with
a glance or two that sends the cold shiv-
ers coursing up and down his spine. On
the contrary, she accepts his offered place
in car or ferryboat with that calm and
apathetic selfishness which is sometimes
considered a mark of high breeding—a pecu-
liar sort of conduct which the lowest
bred apparently catch up the quickest.

This has rapidly produced its due and
sufficient effect on the men. They will
endure to see a lady of this presumed
sort stand for an indefinite distance and
never so much as raise their eyes from
their papers. And, indeed, so long as the
ferry companies divide their passengers
into ladies and smokers, the great middle
class, who do not smoke or care to sit in the
smoke of others, will make for the ladies
cabin. There the right to a seat is pre-
scriptive and ladies alone possess it. But
the failure of a good many ladies to spend
a smile or a word of thanks on the weary
mortal who surrenders his place, has oc-
casioned a state of affairs which is not
pleasant to contemplate.

Here is a typical instance of feminine
discourtesy. It was at the Symphony So-
ciety. Two gentlemen during the inter-
mission had gone out, let us say for clov-
es or the perfume of the fragile cigarette.
Two ladies—so-called—assumed the vac-
ant seats. The gentlemen returned.
"What! no seats?" So they sat on the
steps, and the ladies (?) peacefully retained
places which had cost a couple of dollars,
whereas the usurers had only paid for a
seat on the stairs. What ought these
gentlemen to have done? In fact, they
sat a while and then left for good.

NOTE.—Our friend leaves his communi-
cation incomplete. He has even shown a
certain sort of misogyny (if that is the
word) on the whole subject. We do not
entirely, hardly even partially, indorse
his views. But we would like to hear
from our readers as to this last case.
What should the gentlemen have done?
That which they did, or something else?
And if so, what?—EDS. CITIZEN.

GAMBLING.

LAST week a society organized for the
accomplishment of most worthy objects,
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pathy, gave an entertainment. To in-
duce greater sales it was announced that
gifts would be given to the holders of
certain tickets, to be determined by lot.
The numbers of the tickets which had
drawn prizes were advertised in our col-
umns. We have been somewhat severely
criticized for thus advertising a "lottery."
To make a long story short, we admit the
justice of the censure. In the press of
business we did not give the matter that
consideration which its importance de-
manded. The enterprise looked as inno-
cent as the grab-bags and rafflings of our
church and Sunday-school fairs, and in
reality was just as bad—no better, no
worse. Now, however, that our attention
has been called to the subject, we
shall enunciate our position in no doubt-
ful terms.

THE CITIZEN is most decidedly opposed
to gambling in every way, shape and
manner; to playing of cards or other
games for the least stake of money or its
equivalent; to gambling in stocks, oil,
corn or cotton; to buying and selling
"futures" and "options" where there is
nothing of actual transfers of property;
to becoming either a bull or a bear or
other beast equally destructive to legiti-
mate industry; to betting on horse
races, elections, steamer runs or any
other thing; and last, but very decidedly
not least, to that pious form of the art
which is so common at church entertain-
ments, and known under the innocent
phrase of "taking chances." This passion
for gambling—the desire to obtain prop-
erty without cost, is one of the worst
curves of our time and place of abode. It
is an appetite more universal, more pow-
erful and more disastrous in its far reach-
ing effects upon society, than that for
alcohol. It is at the bottom of most of
the defalcations large and small; it is
destroying confidence between man and
man; it is causing failures every day and
on every hand; it is unsettling the minds
and morals of our young men, unfitting
them for legitimate effort; it is filling
homes with sorrow and graves with dis-
honored dead; it is leading to lying, cheat-
ing, robbing, suicide and murder in cases
without number under our very eyes each
day.

If some of those earnest but mistaken
men, who are so blinded by their wrath
against alcohol, that they deal fatal
blows against their best friends, would
turn some of their superabundant vigor
against this withering vice they might
accomplish a double good. No one be-
comes a reckless gambler all at once.
The first taste of the deadly poison may
be gained at a private card table where
the stakes are limited to cents, "just to
make it interesting, you know." One of
the most noted gamblers of a Western
city attributes his fall from respectable
life to a game of cards in a most respecta-
ble lady's parlor. A successful trial of a
lottery has been the damnation of many
a poor soul. Do our church people think
it safe to play with this sort of fire? If it

is a good argument that a single glass of
wine is full of untold dangers, by the same
sort of argument the time-honored grab-
bag and raffle ought to be banished into
everlasting limbo. If it damage one's
character to be seen coming out of a beer
garden, much more should it damage it
to be found frequenting broker's offices to
buy stocks without money. A drunken
cashier is more reliable than a gambling
one. We have compared drinking and
gambling, because the danger of the
former seems to be understood. We wish
we could say as much for the latter.

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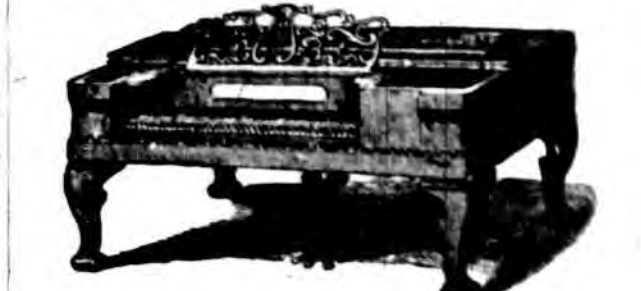
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